

MONO COUNTY LOCAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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Monday, February 12, 2007, 9:00 a.m.
Town / County Conference Room
Mammoth Lakes, California

ATTENDANCE

Commissioners Present

Skip Harvey, Chair
Hap Hazard, Vice Chair
Vikki Bauer, Supervisor
John Eastman, Councilman
Bill Reid, Supervisor
Wendy Sugimura, Councilman

Staff Present

Scott Burns, Director
Allen Berrey, County Counsel
Gerry LeFrancois, Mono County Planner
Scott Campbell, Transit Town of Mammoth Lakes
Lynetta Fuerst, Secretary LTC
Evan Nikirk, Director Public Works
Kelly Garcia, Assistant Director Public Works

Caltrans

Brad Mettam

Others

Jerry Allendorf, June Lake CAC
Mark Logan, Mono Basin RPAC
Tim Hansen, Mono Basin RPAC
Chris Lizza, Mono Basin RPAC
Joe Sobota, CHP Bridgeport
Todd Gibbs, CHP Bridgeport

Agenda items may not have been taken in order.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Harvey at 9:06 a.m. followed by the pledge.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Allendorf spoke to the Commission concerning the deteriorating sidewalks in June Lake. Commissioner Bauer explained that in talking with Mr. Hallenbeck at Caltrans there is no warranty on concrete. Commissioner Bauer feels there is a serious liability issue with the sidewalk in such poor condition. Caltrans will be adding a budget item for maintenance and repair of the sidewalk. This item will

be agendaized for the March meeting. Mr. Mettam noted in regards to the Crestview rest area a letter of response had been sent to the LTC, but as yet not received. The Commission would also like the Crestview Rest Area agendaized for the next meeting and a representative from Caltrans to speak on the issue. CHP officer Gibbs explained a safety issue at the Coleville post office and requested an adjustment to the entrance. When driving southbound on the highway there is a 90 degree turn (decreasing radius) creating a maneuver challenge. Officer Sobota also commented on the hazard of the turn. If a driver uses the shoulder to get over, they are not able to make the turn into the post office lot. Mr. Mettam agreed to look at the entrance on his next trip to Nevada. Mr. Lizza spoke for the Mono Basin RPAC stating the Mono Lake guard rail was not obtrusive and looks pretty good. He encouraged everyone to take a look at it.

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS: CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

Election of officers held over to the next meeting.

3. CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL- ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Government Code Section 54956.9: one case. Initiation of litigation pursuant to subdivision (c) of Government Code Section 54956.9: one case.

Commission adjourned to closed session at 9:17a.m. Adjourned meeting at 9:40. Mr. Berrey reported the Commission authorized County Counsel to initiate litigation against Bartig, Basler and Ray and defend the LTC in the threatened litigation from the State Controller's office.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 11, 2006 and January 12, 2007

Commissioner Reid noted "payment sensors" should be *pavement sensors* under Item 6 Caltrans. Also Mr. Reid requested Caltrans provide a summary page in the packet for the quarterly reports so the Commissioners would have a chance to review the projects before the meeting. Mr. Mettam will be sure overview sheets are provided. Commissioner Hazard moved to approve December and January minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Eastman. December minutes passed 5/0. Commissioner Reid abstained. Those in favor: Bauer, Eastman, Harvey, Hazard and Sugimura. January minutes passed 4/0. Those in favor: Bauer, Eastman, Harvey, Hazard. Commissioners Reid and Sugimura abstained.

5. ADMINISTRATION

a. Consider adopting Resolution 2007-02 approving the Executive Director to sign Certifications and Assurances for FTA Section 5311 (f) operating assistance for the CREST Bus Route between Ridgecrest and Reno

Commissioner Hazard motioned to adopt Resolution 2007-02 followed by a second from Commissioner Sugimura. Passed 6/0. Those in favor: Bauer, Eastman, Harvey, Hazard, Reid, and Sugimura.

b. 2007-2008 Overall Work Program- Initial discussion / identification of OWP elements

The funding remains the same from last year, \$ 216,000. The program, planning and monitoring funds are included in the OWP. There are seven work elements. Mr. LeFrancois gave an overview of each work element and how they apply to

Mono County's projects. A draft of the 2007-08 OWP will be provided in the next couple months. The county and town split the funds equally. A draft is due to Caltrans in early March. Commissioner Hazard inquired about the turn pocket on Hwy 6 at White Mountain Estates and if any funds from the OWP could expedite the intersection project. Mr. LeFrancois explained the EIR for White Mountain Estates is due for release in March and the project should be addressing this issue of correction. Commissioner Bauer requested investigating Blueprint funding and Mr. Mettam added the Eastern California Transportation Planning Partners were re-working our original application in hopes of securing rural funding as well as Caltrans.

6. TRANSIT

- a. Inyo Mono Transit update on new Lee Vining- June Lake pilot route
Continued to the next meeting.
- b. Eastern Sierra Transit Authority (ESTA) update
A consultant has been selected to work on the administration development of ESTA.
- c. Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS) update
Commissioner Bauer attended a meeting with the Madera Board of Supervisors who were more positive regarding YARTS. The Fresno mayor has also requested a meeting with Commissioner Bauer.

7. CALTRANS

- a. Update on California Transportation Plan
Mr. Mettam provided the updated transportation plan which takes us into 2030.
- b. Update on Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA) Bond strategy
Commissioner Eastman inquired about the status of the North Mojave project. Mr. Mettam stated the interchange is almost complete, they do work through the winter and the project is ahead of schedule. The Olancho Cartago project is still on the CMIA list. Caltrans staff will receive recommendations from the CTC on 2-16-2007 then the CTC will meet on 2-20-2007 and each region will have time to address the commission. Bob Kimball is planning to attend the meeting and speak on the Olancho Cartago project.
- c. Update on STIP Augmentation
The LTC will have \$ 383 M available for the 2006 STIP augmentation, but \$ 686 million worth of need. North Mojave, Olancho Cartago and High Point are the original MOU projects between Kern, Inyo and Mono counties. Until the CTC releases what projects will be funded in the CMIA we are on hold as to how we will program our STIP funds.

8. REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

- a. Augmentation update
Mr. LeFrancois explained out of the \$ 19.3 M we have available we also have \$ 13.1 M in commitments (Olancho Cartago \$11M, Independence Manzanar \$ 478K, Black Rock \$ 466K, and High Point \$ \$503K) leaving \$ 6.1 M to program for local projects or keep in reserve. The projects will be presented to the LTC at a special meeting in March. These are state dollars and can be programmed for road projects that don't qualify for the federal aid system and subject to FHWA requirements. This money can be utilized for county roads that don't qualify for federal funds. Mr. Mettam noted the CTC doesn't usually fund

construction money on local projects. Commissioner Reid requested a copy of the projects that are being considered. This list of projects will be provided at the March meeting. All projects must be consistent with the Regional Transportation Plan. Mr. Mettam reminded the Commission that there is \$ 3.5 M in funds for transit, Public Transportation Account (PTA).

9. COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION ISSUES

- a. Discuss / consider support of Mono Basin RPAC Resolution regarding Lee Vining installing radar detection and speed display devices

Mr. Lizza addressed the Commission concerning the speed issue in Lee Vining. The Mono Basin RPAC has passed a resolution seeking funding for purchase and installation of speed display devices. The Mono Basin RPAC is requesting the LTC to (1) encourage Caltrans to approve the pending encroachment permit and (2) direct staff in finding funding for the speed display devices. CHP officer Mr. Gibbs stated the presence of a speed calming device is helpful in traffic calming. After much discussion from the Commissioners the key points were: (1) Commissioners were supportive of the resolution (2) look into a portable unit to move around the county (3) who would handle the maintenance (4) what funding options are available? Evan Nikirk mentioned the possibility of county road funds to purchase the unit, but maintenance was still an issue. Commissioner Reid moved to approve the Mono Basin RPAC resolution in concept and direct staff to (1) determine encroachment status (2) determine funding possibilities and (3) determine who would be responsible for maintenance. Seconded by Commissioner Bauer. Passed 6/0. Those in favor: Bauer, Eastman, Harvey, Hazard, Reid and Sugimura.

10. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- a. Inyo County LTC Resolution 2007-02 funding the Bishop- Mammoth Lakes route

Inyo LTC has passed resolution 2007-02 and will help fund the Bishop to Mammoth Lakes route.

- b. February 20, 2007 CTC meeting information regarding CIA project selection

11. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

March 26, 2007, was agreed upon by staff and commissioners.

12. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 11:19 a.m. by Chair Harvey.